

Hauls 1100 Cheering Excursionists

'Iron Horse' in Proud Canyon Comeback

By CONNIE HANSEN
Heber Correspondent

HEBER — In top shape, the Heber Creeper, which went down in defeat Saturday, snapped back and proudly carried over 1100 cheering railroad buffs on excursion runs throughout the afternoon Sunday.

This spunky little train that

spent Saturday derailed in Provo Canyon was given a hero's welcome each time it pulled into the station by the crowds of passengers and spectators. The train's shrill whistle could be heard throughout the valley, beckoning all to come. And come they did, from Ogden, Salt Lake Provo, Orem, Nephi, and many other communities.

When asked if they just happened to be in the area, all answers were the same: "No, we came to ride the train."

Each run carried between 250-300 passengers who were treated to a scenic winter wonderland as they traveled through the picturesque valley. Snow mobilers raced along side the train throughout the entire route,

and cars jammed every access road to the tracks to obtain a glimpse of the past. Children pressed their noses against the windows and waved at the followers. The only complaints heard was that the trip wasn't long enough.

Singing trainmen Harvy Murdock and Don Hogan, accompanied themselves on ukeleles, serenading each car

with a rousing rendition of "The Wasatch Cannon Ball." Many people had to be turned away as darkness fell, but all remained to see Engine 618 retired until this spring, when she will pull open air cars through colorful Provo Canyon to Bridal Veil Falls.

The scenic railway will be operated by the Wasatch Mountain Railway Co.

Save Landmark Peak, Urges

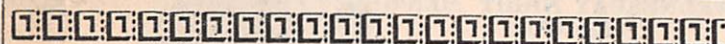
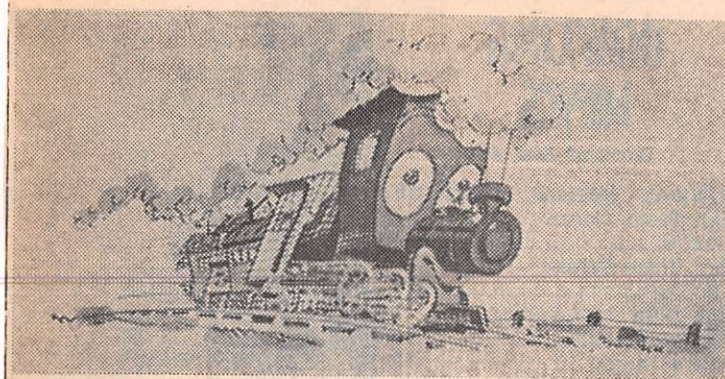
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Editor Herald:

The latest alignment announced for the new U.S. 189 cuts through one of the real landmarks of the canyon — the rock formation directly north of Wick's and the Riverbend Lounge. Although the cost of relocating the highway to miss this scenic formation will surely be greater than that of demolishing it, isn't it worth it to the citizens of Utah. The sacrifice of our natural beauty in the name of progress is a form of lying to ourselves and stealing from our children. I hope all who love the outdoors will exert their influence to help protect these vital natural edifices.

You may help by expressing yourself in writing to Governor Calvin Rampton. Please do.

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Tall Tales & Short

BY LADAWN ERCANBRACK

The following is a parody on THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD:

Once there was a little steam engine train. I guess it wasn't the happiest little engine there ever was, for its merry wheels had suddenly become still.

UNTIL . . . some people came and gave a look at the lonely engine "618". It was gotten ready and they took it on a trip to a place it had never seen before. They wanted to use it as a scenic train, carrying happy people and showing them the sights. WAS IT THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD?

After its arrival to a high, fresh air country, wintertime came to the valley, and it was to make its first "official" run up the beautiful, snow-clad Provo Canyon to the little town of Heber, carrying some important people celebrating their statehood, and where the little children and their parents were awaiting the train's arrival so that they might climb aboard and take a ride. WAS IT THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD?

The little "Wasatch County Special" was Oh, so proud and happy about the honor. The townspeople and motorists heard the shrill delight of the little "Heber Creeper" name-

sake, as it made its trial runs in now below zero temperature. They would honk and wave encouragingly whenever they saw the brave train. WAS IT THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD?

The exciting day finally arrived — BUT, during the night on the final trial run, the little train hit a sheet of ice which it thought to be snow, and it went off the track. All the people were so worried, but NOT the little train. It thot, there is more than one way of getting back on the track and getting to the little town of Heber. BUT, darkness came, and with it — the little train had missed its own party! It had spent Saturday derailed in Provo Canyon. WAS IT THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD?

Sunday came along, and with it a bulldozer. The little train was Oh, so happy. "We have run off the track," it said, ". . . and all the little children in the town of Heber are waiting to climb aboard and take a ride. Perhaps, you are the little engine that can get us back on the track?"

"I would. If I could. But I can't!" said the little bulldozer. "I'm so cold, and I must warm my rheumatic wheels." "How

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do you know you can't" said the little train ". . . until you TRY? and so the little bulldozer buckled onto the hopeful train. It pulled, and it pulled. The little engine puffed, and it puffed. Workmen placed angle bars at the little train's wheels. Everyone knew it took a strong engine to get back on the tracks and up Provo Canyon. They waited at Heber and wondered, WAS THE LITTLE NAMESAKE THE ENGINE THAT COULD?

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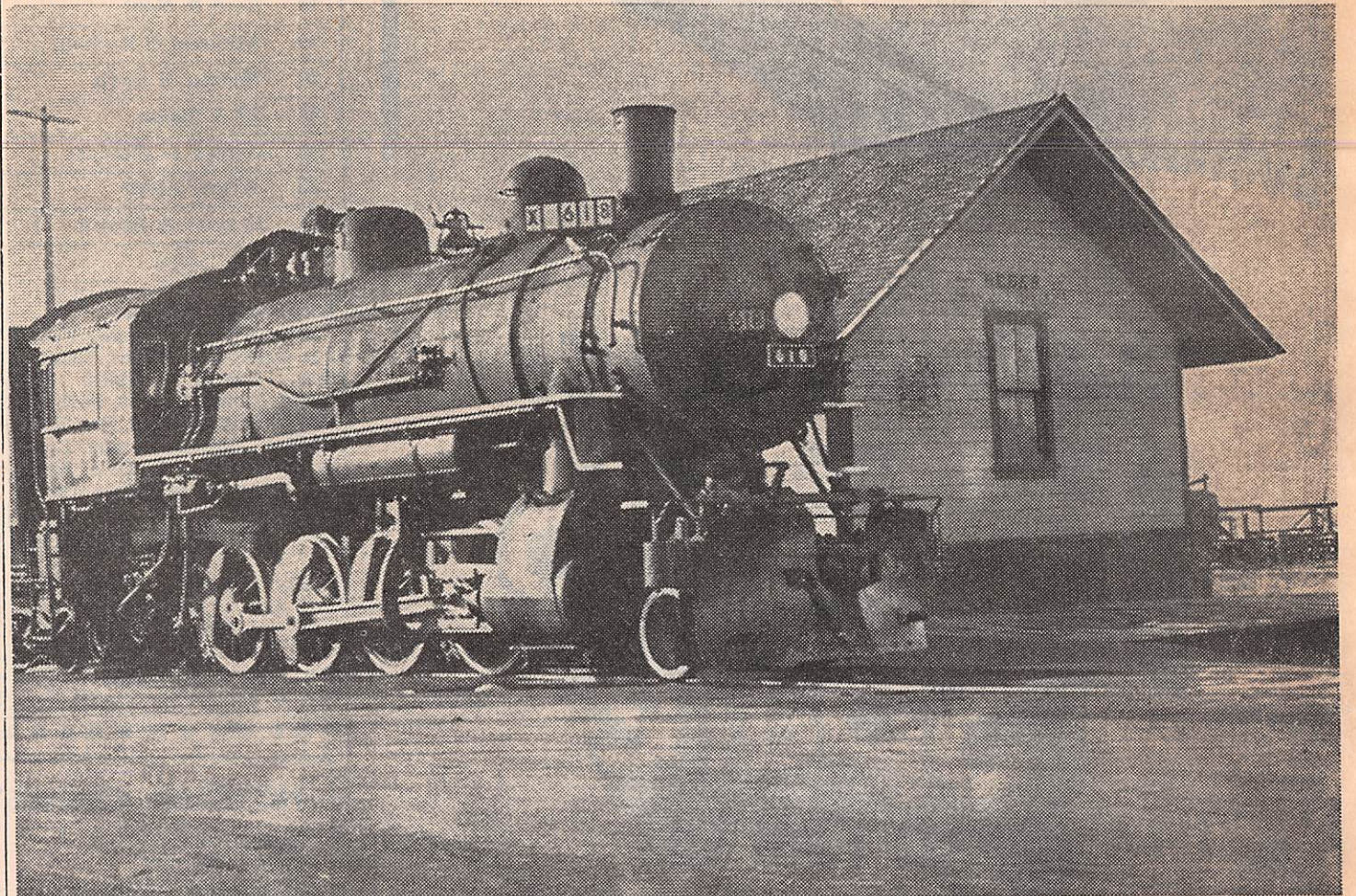
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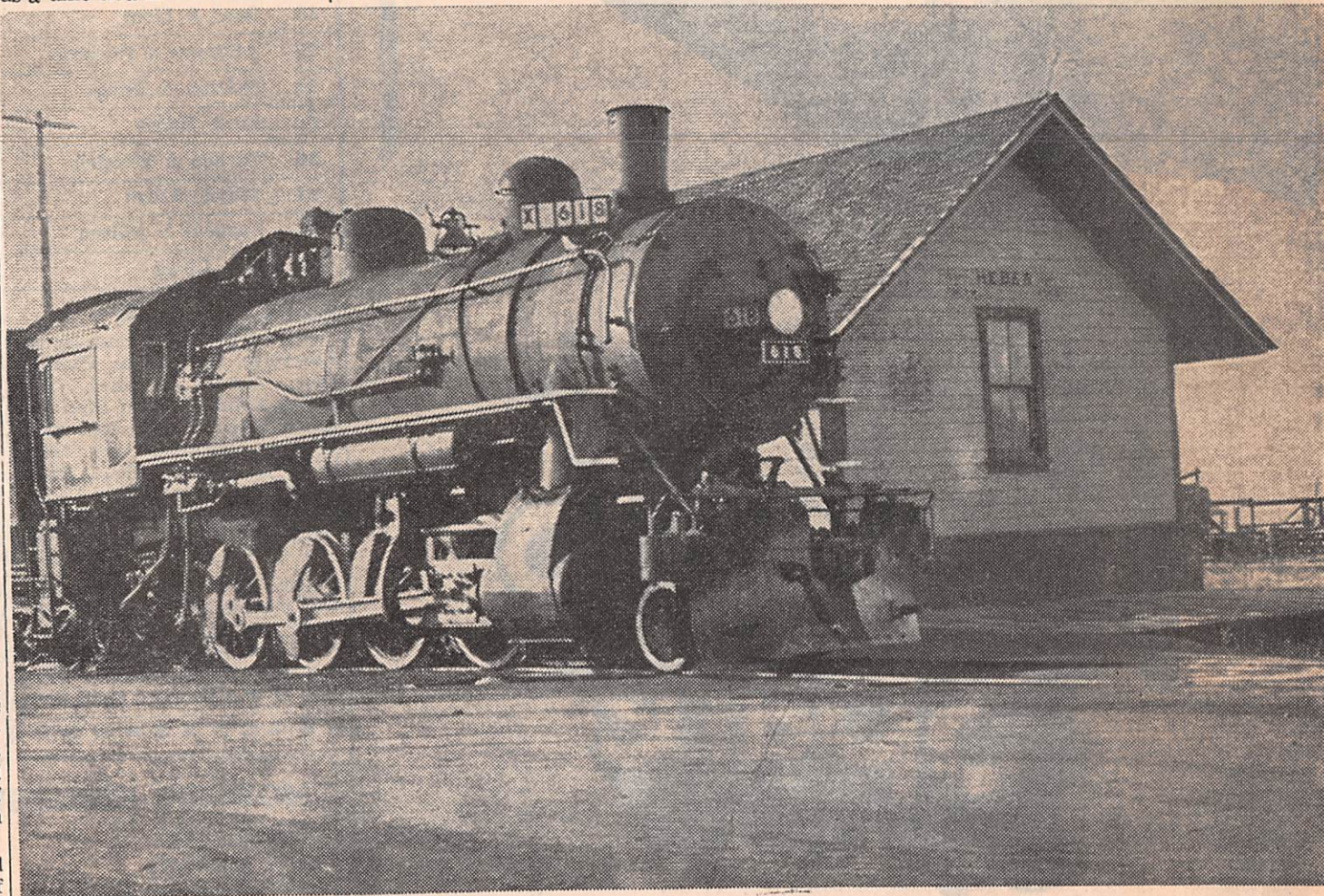
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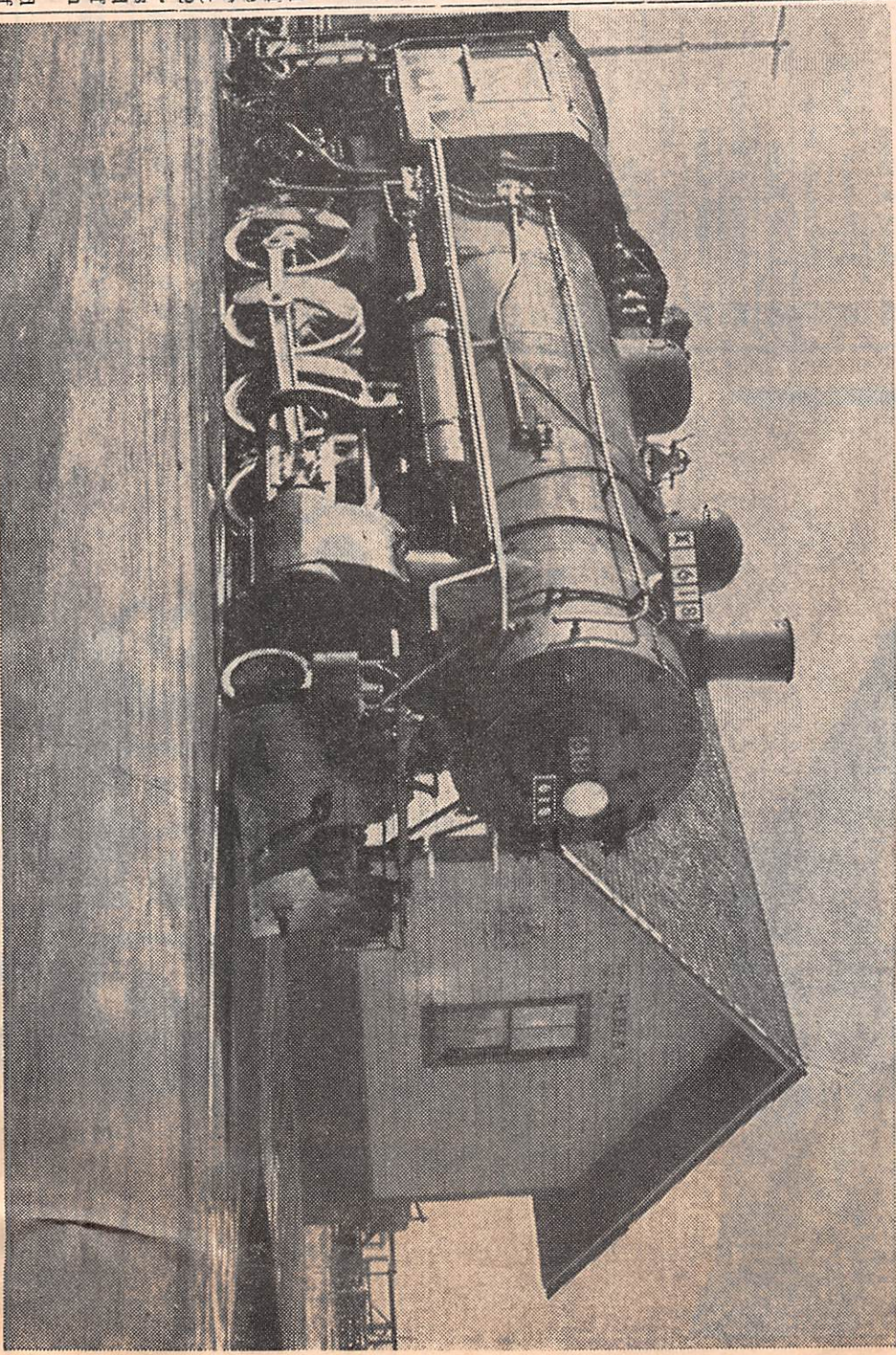
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